

hereby required to execute the said warrant.

XVI. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that all and every person and persons, possessors or owners of any lot or lots, in the said town, shall, within one year after the ratification of this act, clear all and every such lot and lots by them held or possessed, of all wood, underwood, brush or grubs, growing, standing, or being on the said lots.

XVII. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that if any person or persons, possessor or owner of any lot or lots in the said town, shall omit or neglect to clear the same, as above directed, within the time above limited, and keep and maintain the same so cleared, then, and in such case, the commissioners, or any three of them, shall cause the same to be cleared, at the costs and charges of the party offending; and if the party so offending shall, upon demand made, refuse to pay such sum or sums as the commissioners, or any three of them, shall order, for clearing the same, then the said commissioners, or any three of them, shall issue a warrant, under their hands and seals, to the constable of the said town, to levy the same, by distress and sale of the offender's goods returning the overplus, after all charges are paid.

XVIII. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that if at any time, after twenty days after the ratification of this act, any tavern-keeper, ordinary keeper, or any other persons whatsoever, selling liquor, or keeping a public house in the said town, shall suffer any person or persons whatsoever, to sit tippling or drinking in his house, in time of divine service on the sabbath day, or shall suffer any person or persons to get drunk in his house on the sabbath, such person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of ten shillings, proclamation money.

XIX. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that if any person or persons whatsoever, in the said town, shall, in one month after the ratification of this act, on any pretence whatsoever, give credit, loan, or trust, to any mariner or seaman, belonging to, or under the command of, the commander or master of any vessel, that now is, or shall at any time hereafter, arrive at Brunswick, above the sum of two shillings and eight pence, proclamation money, except by the leave or licence of the master or commander of the vessel he belongs to, or where such sailor or mariner shall have left the ship or vessel to apply to the courts of justice, in any dispute or controversy with the captain or commander of such ship or vessel; that then, and in such case, he, she or they, shall, for every such default, lose all the monies and goods so trusted or credited.

XX. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that if any persons whatsoever shall willingly and knowingly, entertain, retain, harbour or keep, or shall, directly or indirectly, suffer to be entertained, retained, harboured or kept, any seaman or mariner, belonging to any vessel aforesaid, in his, her or their house or houses, exceeding the space of six hours, without the privy and consent of his or their master or commander, or one hour after, against the consent of the master or commander (except as in the case before excepted) he, she or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings, proclamation money, for every such offence.

XXI. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that if any person who keeps a public house, shall after the ratification of this act, entertain, retain, harbour or keep, or suffer to be entertained, retained, harboured or kept, any seaman or mariner, belonging to any vessel as aforesaid, after eight of the clock, in the winter, at night, and nine of the clock, in the summer, at night, except the seaman or mariner hath leave from his master or commander, in writing, to be on shore (except as in the case before excepted) he or she so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings, proclamation money, for every such offence.

XXII. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that in case any person or persons whatsoever shall be sued or molested for any thing done in the execution of this act, he, she or they, shall and may plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence; and the Judge and Judges shall allow thereof.

XXIII. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that all penalties and forfeitures by this act made and imposed, shall be, one half to the vestry and churchwardens of St. Philip's parish aforesaid, and the other half to him or them who will sue for the same; to be recovered by a warrant from any one Justice, if the sum doth not exceed twenty shillings, proclamation money; and if the penalty or forfeiture exceed that sum, then by a warrant from any two Justices.

XXIII GEORGE II. The 17th of March, 1749. O. S.

CHAP. VI. *An act for appointing and laying out a town on the plantation of Mr. Samuel Jordan, on the north side of Roanoke in Northampton County; and for establishing two fairs to be held annually therein.*

I. **W**HEREAS the inhabitants of Northampton county have petitioned for an act, for appointing a town on the plantation of Mr. Samuel Jordan, on the north side of Roanoke river, in Northampton county:

II. We pray that it may be enacted, *And be it enacted, by his Excellency Gabriel Johnston, Esq; Governor by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, and the General Assembly of this Province, and by the authority of the same,* that as soon as the proprietor of the said land shall acknowledge his consent and concurrence, in open court of the said county, to have such part of the said land laid out for a town as herein after is directed, Samuel Jordan, William Short, William Kinchen, Francis Corbin, and John Dawson, are hereby nominated and appointed commissioners, and they, or the majority of them, are hereby invested with full power and authority, to lay out thirty six acres of land, on the said plantation, for a town, by the name of *Hawns*; and to lay out the said thirty six acres into lots, of half an acre: